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1. Sea-going personnel of the Polish Merchant Marine who have been issued the new identity cards are obliged to deposit them in the Voivodship Command of the Citizens' Militia. In return for this card, each seaman is issued a receipt confirming the deposit. This receipt bears a photograph of the bearer with an embossed die stamp. Identity cards are returned to the seamen only in cases when the bearer is to remain on land for over 30 days.
2. When the S.S. JAROSLAW DABROWSKI was about to sail from Gdansk (Danzig) the WOP (Military Border Guard) officer searching the ship noticed that one of the officers of the ship had his new identity card still in his possession. The WOP officer immediately ordered the man to go to the Voivodship Command of the Citizens' Militia and to deposit his card. When the officer returned and showed the WOP officer the receipt, the latter allowed the ship to sail. As a result of this incident the ship left two hours late.

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